OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEW COMMUNITIES

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

New Communities Youth Development and Wellness Grants

The District's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) invites the submission of applications for the New Communities Youth Development and Wellness Grants pursuant to Section 2(j)(4) of the Neighborhood Investment Act of 2004, effective October 15, 2009 (D.C. Act 18-207). There is \$645,000 available for this round of funding.

The purpose of New Communities Youth Development and Wellness Grants is to provide not for profit organizations with grants to conduct programs in the four New Communities target areas: Park Morton (Ward 1), Northwest One (Ward 6), Lincoln Heights/Richardson Dwellings (Ward 7) and Barry Farm (Ward 8). The goal is to fund programs that will improve the quality of life of New Communities residents by expanding youth development and community wellness opportunities.

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organizations that can demonstrate a commitment to New Communities sites through a successful track record of offering and operating programs, projects, services, or facilities. Eligible projects must fall into one of the following two categories: (1) Youth Development and (2) Community Wellness. Proposed programs must be physically located within the boundaries of one of the New Communities target areas. Proposed projects that leverage other resources shall be given special consideration. Additional applicant and project eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria are detailed in the Request for Applications (RFA).

The Request for Applications will be released on Friday, October 23, 2009 and the deadline for submission is Monday, December 7, 2009 at 12 pm. The RFA will be available for pick up at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 317, Washington, DC 20004 and 2025 M Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036. Inquires should be directed to (202) 724-8111.